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REF: A. MADRID 0007 B. SNEAD/CONDE TELECON OF DEC 30, 1976

1. FOLLOWING US/GOS NEGOTIATIONS ON GIFA THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30, CONDE WAS ADVISED THAT DEPARTMENT HAD RECEIVED ORAL COMMITMENT FROM CHAIRMAN OF NEW ENGLAND FISHERIES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL TO PERMIT INCREASED FOREIGN ALLOCATION OF SQUID IN JUNE, 1977 IN EVENT US FLEET DOES NOT USE ITS ALLOCATION. CONDE ADVISED US LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REP THAT UPON RECEIPT CONFIRMATION THIS DECISION BY COUNCIL THAT GOS WOULD BE PREPARED TO INITIATE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO SIGN GIFA.

2. WE NOW HAVE LETTER FROM NEW ENGLAND COUNCIL DATED JANUARY 4, 1977, ADDRESSED TO BOTH SECRETARIES OF STATE AND COMMERCE WHICH PROVIDES THAT CONFIRMA-

TION. TEXT OF LETTER FOLLOWS QUOTE TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE (COMMERCE), DEAR MR. SECRETARY, THE NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD DECEMBER 30, 1976. PASSED A MOTION CALLING FOR THE

PRELIMINARY MANAGEMENT PLAN DEALING WITH SQUID IN THE EVENT THAT BY JUNE 1, 1977 IT IS DETERMINED THAT THE U.S. FISHING FLEET WILL NOT TAKE ITS ALLOCATION. PARAGRAPH. THE INCREASED FOREIGN ALLOCATION WILL TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE ANTICIPATED U.S. CATCH FOR THE BALANCE OF 1977. SIGNED, HAL LYMAN, CHAIRMAN, NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL UNQUOTE.

- 3. ALTHOUGH NOT YET FORMALIZED BY LETTER, THE MID-ATLANTIC REGIONAL FISHERIES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL MADE SIMILAR DECISION, WHICH WAS RECORDED IN THE MINUTES OF THEIR MEETINGS OF DECEMBER 15 AND 16, 1976. THE MID-ATLANTIC COUNCIL DISCUSSED THE SQUID PRELIMINARY MANAGEMENT PLAN AND AGREED TO REALLOCATE IN JUNE, 1977 THAT PORTION OF SOUID CATCH NOT TAKEN BY U.S. FISHERYMEN.
- 4. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO PASS ABOVE INFO REGARDING COUNCIL ACTIONS TO CONDE ASAP. EMBASSY SHOULD REITERATE POINT MADE BY SNEAD IN REF B TELECON THAT ACTION TAKEN ON PART OF COUNCILS REFLECTS VIEWS OF U.S. INDUSTRY INTERESTS, BUT DOES NOT REPRESENT FORMAL COMMITMENT BY SECRETARY OF COMMERCE TO ALTER PRELIMINARY MANAGEMENT PLAN. HOWEVER, DEPARTMENT ASSESSMENT IS THAT COMMERCE WILL FOLLOW COUNCILS' RECOMMENDATIONS.

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- 5. WOULD APPRECIATE INFO ON WHEN GOS ANTICIPATES GIFA CAN BE SIGNED IN WASHINGTON.
- 6. U.S. SQUID INDUSTRY REPS WILLING TO MEET WITH GOS COUNTERPARTS WEEK OF FEBRUARY 1 PER REFTEL A. TENTATIVE SUGGESTION BY NEW ENGLAND COUNCIL IS TO MEET IN BOSTON ON FEBRUARY 4-5.
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